

**Application No. 10/812,157
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.312**

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, beginning on line 5:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/229,948, now U.S. Patent Number 6,725,949 entitled "Washpipe Assembly," filed August 27, 2002, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/315,072, filed August 27, 2001, the entire contents of which are incorporated by reference herein.